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## TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES

Friday, March 3, 2006

Regular Session

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular session of the Arizona State Board of Psychologist Examiners was called to order by Chairperson Cox at 7:30 a.m. on Friday, March 3, 2006. One Executive Session was held from 7:33 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.

### 2. ROLL CALL

#### Board Members Participating by Telephone

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#### Attorney General's Office

Elizabeth Campbell, Esq.  
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### 3. DISCUSSION/DECISION REGARDING KALAS v. BOARD – CV2004-0200

A motion was made by Dr. Lovejoy, seconded by Dr. Paul, and unanimously carried (9-0), to move into Executive Session for the purpose of receiving confidential legal advice from the Board's attorney and to discuss pending or contemplated litigation.

### 4. DISCUSSION/DECISION REGARDING HB 2716 AND UPDATE REGARDING SB 1080

The Board proceeded to discuss the language drafted by staff as an attempt to find a compromise to present at the upcoming stakeholders' meeting regarding House Bill 2716. It was the consensus of the Board to propose the new language at the stakeholders meeting, as modified by the discussion.

Ms. McCarthy then informed the Board that efforts to have the Legislature add an amendment to Senate Bill 1080 reinserting discretionary authority for the Board to license individuals with prior unprofessional conduct had stalled. The lobbyist had recommended that the Board leave this issue of the bill this year, Ms. McCarthy reported, and the Board agreed by consensus.

### 5. DISCUSSION/DECISION REGARDING APPROVAL OF APPLICANTS

#### ➤ Requests for Examination

A motion was made by Dr. Paul, seconded by Dr. Wiggins, and unanimously carried (9-0), that the following applicants, having met the requirements of A.R.S. § 32-2071 and A.A.C. R4-26-203, be approved to sit for the Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology, and for licensure upon receipt of a passing score on the Examination, and payment of the pro-rated original license fee:

- **Mary Cost, Psy.D.**
- **Gwendolyn Johnson, Ph.D.**
- **Mary Ann Thirakul, Psy.D.**

➤ **Requests for Licensure**

- A motion was then made by Dr. Paul, seconded by Dr. Wiggins, and unanimously carried (9-0), that the application of **Tracy Heinz, Psy.D.**, be denied on the grounds that she had failed to demonstrate to the Board's satisfaction that she "Has met the education and training qualifications for licensure prescribed in section 32-2071 or subsection B of this section," as required by A.R.S. § 32-2071.01(A)(1);

In that:

She received only one hour of face-to-face, individual supervision for each forty hours of experience during her postdoctoral training, rather than a minimum of one hour of face-to-face, individual supervision for each twenty hours of experience, as required by A.R.S. § 32-2071(E)(6).

- Dr. Paul next made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wiggins, and unanimously carried (9-0), that **Bruce Leininger, Ph.D.**, having met the requirements of A.R.S. § 32-2071.01(A), be approved for licensure upon receipt of the signed original letter verifying his comprehensive examination, and payment of the pro-rated original license fee.
- A motion was then made by Dr. Paul, seconded by Dr. Santos de Barona, and unanimously carried (9-0), to deny the application of **Rosemary McHugh, Ph.D.**, on the grounds that she had failed to demonstrate to the Board's satisfaction that she "Has met the education and training qualifications for licensure prescribed in section 32-2071 or subsection B of this section," as required by A.R.S. § 32-2071.01(A)(1);

In that:

1. Her doctoral degree in organizational psychology was not a subject area in applied psychology acceptable to the board, as required by A.R.S. § 32-2071(A);
2. She did not complete a core program that requires each student to demonstrate competence in the content areas of:
  - a. Scientific and professional ethics and standards in psychology;
  - b. The biological basis of behavior;
  - c. The cognitive-affective basis of behavior;
  - d. Individual differences; or
  - e. Assessment,as required by A.R.S. § 32-2071(A)(4)(a), (c), (d), (f) and (g).
3. The content of her dissertation was not primarily psychological, as required by A.R.S. § 32-2071(A)(6).
4. She did not complete 3000 hours of supervised internship and postdoctoral training experience that meets the requirements of A.R.S. § 32-2071(C), (D) and (E). Dr. McHugh was also supervised during her postdoctoral training by her husband, who was not a psychologist.

5. She only took 20 semester hours at The Union Institute & University, which failed to meet the 24 semester hour minimum residency requirement of A.R.S. § 32-2071(H)(3).

➤ **Ratification of Licensure by Credential**

Dr. Paul then made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wiggins, and unanimously carried (9-0), that the Board ratify issuance of licensure by credential to **Bruce Allen, Ph.D.**, who had met the requirements of A.R.S. § 32-2071.01(B).

Finally, Dr. Paul announced that the following applications were **ongoing**:

- **Melissa Bailey Arizpe, Psy.D.**
- **Jill Baillio, Ph.D.**
- **Michael Christiansen, Ph.D.**
- **Ariel Coyote, Psy.D.**
- **Jessica Matthes, Ph.D.**
- **Shirley Smart, Ph.D.**
- **Ronald Summerhill, Psy.D.**
- **Fred Vanhooose, Ph.D.**

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Dr. Santos de Barona, seconded by Dr. Paul, and unanimously carried (9-0), to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 a.m.

**Prepared by:**

**Marcus Harvey  
Deputy Director**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**/s/ Gary D. Lovejoy, Ph.D.  
Secretary**